

16 November 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. TASS in a radioteletype in English to Europe at 1020 on 14 November 1960 quoted the NATION as stating that the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency has acquired a large tract of land in Guatemala costing in excess of one million dollars which is being used for training site for Cuban counter-revolutionaries. The source of the story is Dr. Ronald Hilton, director of the Institute of Hispanic-American Studies at Stanford University, California.
3. The information which TASS had obviously came from advance promotional publicity by the NATION because the issue of the NATION which carries the article quoting Hilton will not appear on the news stands until tomorrow, 17 November 1960, and will be dated 19 November 1960. The article from the NATION is attached.
4. The Associated Press (John Hightower) called yesterday to see if CIA had any comment on this article. I told him that we never comment on anything that appears in the Press, favorable or unfavorable, true or false. He said that he knew that, but had to go through the motions for the New York office.

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